



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 12, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“The number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and young adults is the automobile collision. Approximately 150 children under sixteen are killed and 24,000 injured in automobile collisions each year in California. Up to 71% of these children would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in crash-tested car safety seats or safety belts.

“Infants and young children are not capable of initiating action to use proper restraints and are not protected adequately by automatic belts or air bags. Only about 60% of children in this group are protected by restraint use on every ride.

“Crash-tested safety seats are moderately priced and widely available for purchase at retail stores and at low cost from car safety seat distribution programs throughout California.

“The State of California has ruled that until children are six years of age or sixty pounds, they must be restrained in child safety seats or boosters, in the back seat, when riding in motor vehicles and that all other occupants must be properly restrained in safety seats or safety belts.

“SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. has been dedicated for 25 years to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board designated the week of April 10 through 16, 2005 as "Safety Seat Checkup Week" throughout Los Angeles.

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